

CONGRESS BEWILDERED OVER AIRCRAFT PROGRAM

Some Contend That It Has
Been Complete Breakdown.
Question of Procedure.

(International News Service.)
Washington, May 8.—Wide differences existed in congress today over the question of whether the investigation of the aircraft program should be conducted behind closed doors, or whether the lid should be ripped off and all the proceedings revealed to the public. Much pressure was being brought to bear in favor of a complete disclosure of all testimony to the country.

There have already been several secret investigations of the aircraft situation. Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, conducted one; Snowden Marshall had charge of another. Their reports have not been made public. The senate military affairs committee made another inquiry in executive session. When it made its report the majority reported the production of battleplanes "a substantial failure" and the minority, with equal emphasis, insisted that the aircraft management was entitled to the highest praise.

All of these investigations, therefore, have left congress, the press and the nation in a state of complete bewilderment over the real facts as to the aircraft program. While one set of senators insists that it has been a complete breakdown, another element calls it an entire success. The country has to accept one or the other of these conclusions or continue to regard the situation with the utmost confusion of opinion. It has never been presented with the testimony of sworn witnesses and permitted to judge for itself.

The argument made today in favor of open sessions was that the time had come to tear aside the veil of secrecy, place before the people the aircraft situation on the witness stand, and give the widest publicity to the testimony that the people them-

TELEGRAPH COMPANIES ARE HEADED TOWARD GOVERNMENT OPERATION

(By Wilson Gardner.)
Washington, May 7.—Are the telegraph and telephone companies anxious to be taken over by the government on the same arrangement as the railroads?

The strike situation has paved the way for government intervention, and there is reason to believe that the outcome will be government management. From the government point of view this would be desirable. The telegraph and telephone system during the war is needed as a war instrument.

The telegraph company has refused its employees the right to organize and their case is before the national war labor board, of which ex-President Taft and Frank Walsh are heads. This board is committed to a policy of recognition of unions, and particularly recognition of the right of working people to organize. There is only one way in which they can rule on the case before them.

selves might form their own conclusions. There can be no danger of revealing information of value to the enemy by open proceedings. It was argued, because it is a well-known fact to Germany, as well as to the United States, that almost no battleplanes have been delivered from the United States to the American army in France.

The chief objection made against an open inquiry was that testimony damaging to the reputation of innocent officials might be published and that many persons having valuable information might be reluctant to testify in public.

GAS MASKS AND CAMOUFLAGE COAT FOR CARRIER PIGEONS

(Associated Press.)
London, April 12.—An exhibition of carrier pigeons here shows many devices used to protect the birds in their flights at the front. Several pigeons

Newly employed girl telegraphers have the leading role in the strike situation. Since the war began girls have been employed to operate a mechanical sending apparatus. Typewriter keys are geared to a machine which punches the letter into a strip of paper and at the receiving end the process is reversed—mechanically translating the perforations back into type.

Unions were in existence before the war, but recently the date was set for a big drive to increase the union membership. The telegraph companies forbade girl employees to attend these unionizing meetings. When some of them attended they were discharged.

Discharging employees at this time because they have attempted to organize, is regarded as significant of the purpose of the telegraph companies.

The result can only be to cripple the service, and when the service becomes too badly crippled the same thing must take place which took place when the railroads broke down.

are shown painted in camouflage coloring, while gas masks for use during gas attacks are also exhibited.

Many stories of the heroic deeds of these birds of war are told by the men in charge of the exhibition. Several cases are related in which pigeons delivered their messages after being hit with shrapnel. It is said that the percentage of casualties among the birds is very low, as they very quickly get to know something of shell fire and how to avoid it. The older birds, it is asserted, become very "wise to danger."

TURKISH TOWN OF KERKUK TAKEN BY BRITISH TROOPS

London, May 9.—British troops on May 7 entered the Turkish town of Kerkuk, eighty miles southeast of Mosul in Mesopotamia, the British war office announced yesterday. The British met with no opposition. The Turks on retreating left 600 men in the Kerkuk hospital.

SHIP BOARD CALLS FOR \$2,223,835,000

Estimates Submitted to Congress on Cost of Construction.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 8.—Estimates submitted to congress today by the shipping board call for an appropriation of \$2,223,835,000.

For the cost of construction of ships authorized by the urgent deficiency bill of 1917, the board has requested an appropriation of \$1,386,100,000, and for the purchasing and requisitioning of plants and material, \$837,735,000.

MEXICO MAINTAINING STRICT NEUTRALITY

Minister of Department of Foreign Relations Denies Disquieting Rumors.

Mexico City, May 1.—Minister Candido Aguilar, of the department of foreign relations, recently accorded the representatives of the press an interview, in which he denied with emphasis certain disquieting rumors that had been circulated regarding the diplomatic relations of Mexico with the other countries, both belligerent and neutral. The minister expressed himself as follows:

"Diplomatic relations with the United States continue friendly, as well as with all the other countries with which Mexico has maintained them for a long time. It is true that in certain locations, and as a natural consequence of the world war, there have occurred incidents not only between Mexico and the United States, but also with others of the belligerent countries. But these cases are similar to those registered between the same countries and the neutral countries, and on our part we

GAS ATTACK ON AMERICAN TROOPS

(International News Service.)
With the American Army on the French Battle Front, May 8.—(Delayed.)—During one German bombardment of the Americans who are helping the French to defend the road to Amiens on the Picardy front, 17,000 gas shells were thrown, but only one American lost his life. Slight discomfort was caused to others. It is now found that the German gas is getting weaker, due, evidently, to lack of materials.

are doing everything feasible to solve them in the best manner possible.

"The Mexican government on its part continues firm in its desire to preserve its neutrality until the termination of the present conflict, because it is firmly believed that this international policy is the best for the interests of the country."

KNOXVILLE LIBERTY LOAN LARGELY OVERSUBSCRIBED

Leads All Cities of Its Class in the Sixth Federal Reserve District.

(Special to The News.)
Knoxville, May 8.—Knoxville's liberty loan committee is slated over the Associated Press dispatch stating that this city leads all cities of its class in the Sixth federal reserve district. Knoxville's subscription was 142 per cent. of the quota, or an over-subscription of 42 per cent., the quota being \$1,944,900, while the subscription was reported as \$2,760,000. T. Ashbury Wright, chairman of the committee, states that the final figures will show even a better subscription, adding that he believes it will exceed \$2,800,000. The figures issued by the Associated Press place Knoxville at the head of the class of cities in the south with a population of between 50,000 and 60,000, according to the 1910 census.

INCREASED ARTILLERY FIRE ON ITALIAN FRONT

Reconnoitering Squads Southwest of Monte Alessi Repulsed by Austrians.

(International News Service.)
Amsterdam, May 9.—A further increase in the artillery firing on the Italian front was noted by the Austrian war office in a copy of an official report received here today from Vienna. It reads:

"The artillery firing was livelier on the southwestern front east of Caporetto and near Laghi basin and Monte Pertica. Southwest of Monte Alessi an Italian reconnoitering squad was repulsed."

REPEAT GERMAN EXPLOIT

French Aviators Escape From Military Prison.

Paris, March 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—In escaping from a German military prison, Lieut. Roland G. Garros and Lieut. Antoine Marshall, the two celebrated French aviators, repeated the exploit of the famous German "Capt. Koepenick." After having been twice caught and punished for attempting to "take French leave," Garros and Marshall recalled how glibly the people and soldiers of Germany welcomed them in the case of the shoemaker Voigt who, under the name of "Capt. Koepenick" and in an officer's uniform laid everything under contribution and was saluted and honored as only a German military officer could be.

So they made French blue horizon cloth uniforms resembling as closely as possible those of German officers. When they were finished, all they had to do was to simply walk out of their prison, out of the camp and out of the town, saluted on every hand by sentinels, soldiers off duty and civilians.

Once clear of the town they doffed the uniforms and made their way to the frontier of Holland by rail quite comfortably. Their greatest difficulty was in crossing the line. It took them three days during which they crept on hands and knees backward and forward alternately, dodging sentinels.

GEN. CROWDER WANTS DRAFT AGE 40 YEARS

Legislation to That End Being Discussed—Appropriation of \$15,762,000 Asked.

Washington, May 9.—Legislation raising the draft age to 40 years was discussed as a possibility yesterday at a meeting yesterday of Provost Marshal-General Crowder and the house military committee. Although Gen. Crowder made no specific recommendations, members of the committee said afterward that the war department was considering a plan for changes.

An appropriation of \$15,762,000 was asked by Gen. Crowder for expenses of the draft for the next fiscal year. Registration of men reaching the age of 21 will require the examination, he said, of half a million more men than originally provided for. Class 1, the general said, now has a total of about 2,365,000 men, of whom 2,000,000 are effective. Chairman Dent, of the committee, announced that he would ask the house to eliminate from the draft legislation pending an amendment giving states credit for volunteers. In a letter to Mr. Dent, President Wilson came out in opposition to the credit plan and asked that the measure be pressed as approved by the war department.

The conference report on the bill for registration of youths reaching 21 will be called up in the house today, with prospects of a lively debate over the proposal to exempt ministers from the law.

Gen. Crowder explained that of the \$15,000,000 asked, \$4,370,000 is for allowances to draft board members for additional registrations and classifications, \$8,000,000 for clerk hire and \$2,630,000 for physical examinations. "It is estimated," he said, "that it will be necessary to examine 1,000,000 men, in addition to those already examined, including men who were minors at the date of the registration and who will have to be classified in class 1 before June 30, 1919."

HEAVY U. S. GUNS USED FOR FIRST TIME

American Artillery in Sector Near Toul Sends Shells Over at German Batteries.

(Associated Press.)
With the American Army in France, Wednesday, May 8.—American heavy artillery was fired today for the first time in the sector southwest of Toul. After several weeks spent in preparation, the American artillerymen having picked out targets in the rear of Montan reported that they were ready to open fire a couple of days ago. But for reasons not disclosed the guns were not fired until today.

About forty big shells were sent over Montan at the heavy German batteries composed of 20's, captured from the Russians which had been firing for some time, especially at the American battery positions.

CRAWFORD, GA., BOY IN LIST MARINE CASUALTIES

Washington, May 9.—Marine corps casualty list yesterday shows one man dead from wounds and seven slightly wounded in action.

Private Ralph Clay Johnson, of Guthrie, Okla., died from wounds. The slightly wounded were:

Second Lieut. Vernon Lee Bonner, Bloxton, Va.

Corpl. Herbert Roy Perkins, Sumner, Tex.

Privates Joseph King Clark, Wakarusa, Ind.; John Edgar Jackson, Detroit; Allen Melville Schroeder, Cleveland; Royal Lee Stokely, Crawford, Ga.; and Harry Fink, Pittsburgh, Pa.

ORDERS ISSUED FOR CLOSE INSPECTION

Restaurants and Boarding Houses of Knoxville Charged With Violating Food Orders.

(Special to The News.)
Knoxville, May 9.—Orders to closely inspect restaurants and boarding houses to see that the wheatless day order of the food administration is observed, have been issued to the police of Knoxville by Commissioner N. T. Little. This is a sequel to State Food Administrator H. A. Morgan's letter to the commission in which he stated that he had received complaints of violations of the order here.

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